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Golf Team State Runner-Up

by Brannan Atkinson

After finishing the regular season of golf with a record of 15-1, the Big Red Linksters entered into the District 23 tournament as the overwhelming favorites to repeat as champions. The Big Red was led by seniors Michael Shears, Jay McKnight, and Brannan Atkinson, and District 23 scoring leader Rhoads Hall. On October 5, the team again repeated as tournament champions in the District tournament. The team shot a total score of

304, 16 shots over par. Rhoads Hall and Brannan Atkinson each shot a 75 (Rhoads won the play-off for medalist honors) and Michael Shears and Jay McKnight each followed with 76 and 78, respectively. The team was 59 shots ahead of Districts 23 and 24, which would be one-fourth of the teams in the Region 6 tournament to be played that Friday.

On Friday, the team traveled to Two Rivers Golf Course to compete in the Region 6 golf

tournament. Amid blustery wind conditions, slight sprinkling rain, and cold weather, the Big Red again emerged as the victor. The team struggled, however, on the front nine and was but a few shots ahead of upstart FRA. But, with a never-die attitude that characterized this team, the Linksters held on to win with a 314 total. With its fourth straight Region 6 title under its belt, MBA was ready to travel to Henry Horton for the State Tournament. The team

knew, however, that it would have to put together two better totals to have a shot at the state title.

On Tuesday October 21, the Big Red started its quest for the title. The weather on this day was, however, dreadfully awful for golf. The large greens of Henry Horton became water-logged and presented many difficulties for the golfers. The team ended the day with a 330 total, the worst in some three or four years. Michael Shears and

Jay McKnight each shot 80's and Rhoads Hall and Brannan Atkinson each shot 85's. This dreadful total put the Big Red in a tie for fourth place; 13 shots out of first, 10 out of second, and four out of third.

At this point, the team was not out of the tournament. They knew, however, that it would take a super second day to catch Memphis Briarcrest, which was now leading the tournament. That night at the lodge, the team

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Outward Bound

by Rob Archer

At 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 17, senior class president Richard Speight dragged 30 MBA gentlemen out of bed to meet a company called Executive Adventure. Basically, these volunteers were guinea pigs to be hurled into an experiment with 30 young ladies from St. Cecilia. Everyone was clueless as to what was going on as they began their trek out Highway 70 to Kathryn Lane's farm.

Everyone was given nebulous maps to the farm and was instructed to get in a caravan and drive 50 mph. The race was on to be the first ones there. Already the enthusiasm of the trek-kies was overflowing. Soon, it became obvious that no one knew exactly where the farm was. But the outward bound spirit of these troopers did not fail them. The "racers" eventually found the farm after millennia of aimless wandering.

As basic instructions were given (such as "Be creative") and people were divided into groups, many began wondering if it was really going to be worth their \$10. These themes continued throughout the warm-up calisthenics and more lectures. The day began to brighten, however, when the enthusiasm started kickin' in.

The groups became involved in games of ingenuity and trust with everyone's getting acquainted. Could an integrated

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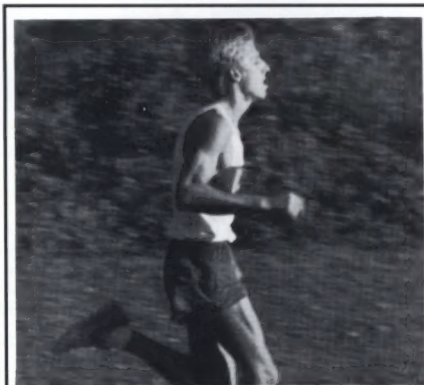


Photo by Brandon Barrett

Zibas fourth in state

Steve Zibas leads the cross country team to a fifth-place team finish in the state meet. Story page 8.

PROJECT 714: SSS

by Brooks Smith

Project 714 began its second year this fall with a kick-off speech by Billy Rolfe. The purpose of Project 714, or Triple S, is not to police or harass those who choose not to abstain, but to provide a support group which helps and encourages others to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs. Hindered by the absence of Mr. Jim Poston, project supervisor, the program encourages those students who take a stand against the use of drugs and alcohol to sign. The members of Triple S wish to encourage students to refrain from using alcohol and drugs by "positive peer pressure" and "care-frontation." Carefronting

is a method the members use to talk with those with a problem in a positive way. Triple S serves as an organized program consisting of students who serve as role models to show others that in order to have fun, drugs and alcohol are not necessary.

By signing with Triple S, a student is making a personal commitment to abstain from alcohol and drug abuse. Not only are drugs and alcohol illegal, but they also hinder students physically. Both drugs and alcohol are socially unacceptable, too. Recently, Judge Robert Ginsburg, President Reagan's nominee for Supreme Court, admitted to the use of marijuana

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MBA / Harpeth Hall Play :

Stop, Look, Think

by Todd Wise

The Harpeth Hall playmakers, practically world-renowned for their musicals, have once again outdone themselves. This year, the playmakers chose *Mame* as the fall musical, and, as usual, the play was put on to perfection. On November 20, 21, and 22, the entire world was once again treated to such a spectacular array of sight, sound, and meretricious glamour that all anyone could do was gasp and ask, "Can anything this good ever happen again?" Let's hope so.

The play was essentially the story of a woman, Mame, played by Tricia Plomey, who is a flaming 'socialite' in the 1920's. However, when her brother dies and leaves his son to her, she is faced with raising the boy. The rest of the play deals her raising the boy. Ironically, that is not all the story deals with. The underlying story, that of a woman trying to help others see the world for what it can be at its best, is one which causes the audience to take a second look at themselves. Her message is to stop and look around the world every once and a while and not to judge by appearances. This has surely caused many to think for quite a while on recent occasions.

The production of *Mame* at times was very precarious. The director, Ms. Fontain, was dismissed just three weeks from opening night, probably the

most crucial time period of the production, because of the ultra-conservative sensitivities of a few puritanistic mothers coupled with a moralistic administration. Despite this tragedy, the playmakers forged ahead with the production under the new leadership of Stephanie Hamilton, the dance teacher at Harpeth Hall and the play's choreographer.

Students from Montgomery Bell Academy constituted a large amount of the cast. Major roles belong to Matt Bumstead (as Beauregard); Brian Stephenson as Ito, Mame's housekeeper; Rob Howell as Old Patrick, Mame's nephew; and Tom Benning as Babcock, the evil lawyer. Other students in smaller roles were Edward Lams as Lindsay, that sexy European playboy; Todd Wise as Mr. Upson, father of Patrick's girlfriend; Peter Dudley as Gregor; and Asher Dudley, Bobby LeBrec, Simon Westlake, and Chris Steele in other roles. These eleven men, as well as four other men from other schools in Nashville and well over thirty-five girls from Harpeth Hall, had practiced for over three months to make the musical. All those involved are now much better people, so if you didn't opt to see it, your life will surely end in ruin. Thus, this entirely unbiased reporter thinks it was one of the greatest productions of all time, a definite thumbs-up.

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F E A T U R E S

An Editorial : World Peace Plan and Morality Coming Soon

by Jim Harwell

With the Presidential election coming soon, we need to clear up a few things.

The first thing we need to realize is that our arch-rival, our top priority and fear, Russia, does not want to take over the world. Even though they may support a little revolution here and there, they don't want war, either. It's all so simple! They are really just like us. They want world peace, just like we do. You may not realize it, but the Soviets are so popular that East Germany, Romania, Hungary, Afghanistan, Mozambique, Angola, Ethiopia, North Vietnam, Cuba, and Nicaragua have all volunteered to combine with the friendly Communists to form one huge, benevolent, peace-seeking empire.

Now that we realize Russia wants peace, it is even simpler. You don't want to get gunned down by a machine gun, do you? Of course not. You want peace, right? Yes. I do too. Everybody does. So, all we have to do is get every country in the world together and sign the New World Peace Plan. How great! We could even use all that useless defense money to feed the poor, and every country would follow and obey the World Peace Plan, just like everyone at MBA follows and obeys the Honor Code, right???

The major thing we need to do within our country is not just indict Oliver North, but also lynch him. Who cares if the wimp won four medals at Vietnam? Who cares if the fool wants to help some foreigners in Central America fight a war for, what was it, uhh... freedom? Freedom against the, uhh, peaceful Communists? And who cares if the jerk had some pill in his mouth ready to swallow and kill himself in Iran if he was tortured or hypnotized, to preserve his nation's secret

plans, which would preserve our, what was it, our, uhh... freedom? The guy lied, didn't he? Let's lynch him! Who really cares about freedom, anyway?

In regard to the election, we really should elect in place of the Presidency a new Tri-Monarch, consisting of probably the three greatest Americans of all time, Jesse Jackson, Joseph Biden, and Gary Hart. These three dedicated Democrats (and our nation is a democracy, isn't it?) would definitely give back to our country the integrity, honor, and moral soundness that it has been so badly lacking since the early days of our Constitution. Two major moral issues would then be solved.

Personally, I do not think that outlawing prayer, religion, and Creationism beliefs in schools is enough. What we really need to do is go ahead and burn all the Bibles and churches all around the country. Then, once that is taken care of, we would teach all

students that humans and apes are really exactly the same, and just that we look a little different from and are a little smarter than those hairy creatures.

Also, abortion needs to be expanded. We should not just allow parents the freedom - and isn't that what our country was founded upon, freedom? - to abort any of their unborn children that they do not want or cannot afford to raise; we should also allow everyone the freedom to go ahead and kill anybody they want to, so long as these freedom-fighting Americans have legitimate reasons (you know, don't like them, owe them money, etc., etc.).

Actually, on second thought, we really should outlaw all laws and all governments and let everyone do whatever they want and place as the dictator in this right-wing, Fascist, thriving regime our competent, law-abiding, moral, and innocent friend, Bill Boner.

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MOON WILL SAVE MONEY

A Letter to the Editors

by Sam Harwell
MBA Class of '81

I am writing to comment on some statements by Bill Penuel in his article "...And for the Next Four Years," (Oct. 13 issue).

Bill claims the Sandanistas in Nicaragua are nationalists first and communists second. First, he is right that the Sandanistas are communists. David Ortega's brother, who rules the country with him, said, "Marxism-Leninism is the scientific doctrine that guides out revolution..." (from Humberto Ortega, the Nicaraguan Minister of Defense, to Sandanista soldiers, in *Est et Quest* (Paris), August 25, 1981).

But to be a communist makes it impossible to be a nationalist. Communists believe that all power should rest with the people *after* the revolution. And the revolution is overonly when all opposition has been destroyed. Until then, the power rests with the "party" (or the elite 5% of the population). As for the opposition, Bill is correct, "the enemy is within [man]..." Because we live in a fallen world, we will never reach a point (utopia) where the party will return power to the people. So the Sandanistas are not nationalists, but only party members (or power mongers).

Bill goes on to mention a rumor, instead of referring to the history. But history, not rhetoric, proves that the Sandanistas looked to the Soviets for aid before they ever came to power, not after we promoted aggression against them.

Bill claims the Contras are not freedom-fighters because many are former members of the Somoza Regime. Nine of the thirteen leaders of the Contras are former Sandanistas.

The Contras are fighting for individual freedom which no longer exists in Nicaragua (i.e. freedom of speech, religion, elections, ownership of land, and imprisonment with proper trial, etc.).

Because of the lack of individual freedom (and, therefore, imprisonment) that exists in Nicaragua, Cuba, Romania, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and the Soviet Union (compared to that which exists in democracies), it is obvious that the choice is not really between "gray versus gray."

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F E A T U R E S

Fellowship of Christian Atheletes

by Tom Lance
and Chris Shea

There have been some changes in MBA's chapter of the FCA this year. If you have attended any one of the meetings, you had to notice FCA's new faculty sponsor, Mr. Ed Zaborowski, known as "Coach Z" to FCA's elite. Coach Z is a welcome and qualified addition from FRA, gracefully replacing Mr. Elliott, who now roams Vanderbilt. The purpose of the FCA is to study

the word of Jesus Christ and to provide a special community where students can grow in their relationship with the Lord.

In order to entice those of you who believe that FCA is dull and boring, here are some examples of FCA's comedic and light-hearted moments. Usually composed and always wise FCA President David Spickard also tickled our funny bones with his exciting skits and his acting and mime talents. Treasurer Matt

Bumstead also teaches and entertains with his rapping skill and speaking prowess and is an anchor in every Spickard skit. In addition to being another moving force behind these memorable skits, Secretary Robb Ludwick often leads the troops in "making rain."

We urge anyone interested to join in the most productive two hours of the week for a growing number of students. FCA meets Thursday in the lower parking lot at 6, followed by dinner at any of the 21 FCA-affiliated restaurants in the Metro Nashville area from 6 to 7, then a meeting and discussion from 7 to 8 in the Robert's Room. Christian fellowship and good times will be had by all!

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when he was younger. Now Judge Ginsburg has a very slim chance of becoming a Supreme Court Justice. In the 1970's, when Edmond Muskie was running for President, he broke down in a speech of his, crying about his family and alcoholic wife. Mr. Muskie had a good chance to win the presidency, but after this speech, he dropped out of the race. These are the examples of the repercussions of alcohol and drug use.

At the beginning of the year, names were submitted and ballots were cast in order to decide the Triple S officers. The president is Emmett Russell. Rob Barret is vice-president, and senior council members are Sterling Price and Edgar Bueno. The Junior vice-president is Bill Cherry, with Rhodes Hall and Brooks Smith as Junior council members. For the sophomore class, vice-president is Billy Crawford and council members are Alden Smith and George Clements. These students help by being positive role models for other students and, in a non-judgemental way, encourage others to refrain from alcohol and drug use. Core members, led by Mr. Poston, consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Forehand and Mr. Killian. This group of teachers help students with problems and encourage those who are straight to stay straight. Triple S is completely confidential, and all those who have made a personal commitment to abstain from drugs and alcohol are urged to join. With such superior leadership, Triple S is looking forward to a fruitful and eventful year.

Mikell Coaches
the Chess Clubby Chris Shea
and Jon Nameth

The chess club started off this year with chaotic lunacy. Under the direction of Mr. David Mikell, the chess club labored through the elections of the officials for the 1987-1988 chess extravaganza. The results of the elections were: president, Trevor Edwards, vice-president Patrick Keeble, and secretary/treasurer Lanson Hyde (who was soon impeached from office by a unanimous chess club vote). Mr. Mikell is a new faculty member at M.B.A. this year, and he was obviously tricked into leading this year's chess club. He has been gracious enough to share his extensive knowledge of chess and rid the club of those who were only looking to get out of study hall. This created a club of due-paying chess mongers who are eager to play.

The chess club was treated to a rare occurrence this year. Twelve members of the fraternity challenged Mr. Mark Ishee, a Master of chess, to individual games which he played simultaneously. The brothers were not able to defeat Mr. Ishee, in fact they were beaten soundly, although Trevor is submitting a formal protest stating "if I had been the white, I could have

won." Move-by-move transcripts of each exciting display of chess may be obtained from either Trevor or Larry Berman.

The chess club has a competitive ladder of rank, and the twelve highest ranked players of the first six weeks (not in any particular order): Jason West, Trevor Edwards, Mike O'Hare, Martin "red to jet-black" Keith, Mark Thraikill, Chris Shea, Patrick Keeble, Jon Nameth, Dave Strayhorn, Larry Berman, Brad Bell, Tom Rodgers. Bitter conflicts arose from this unofficial ranking, prompting the "cinderella story" chess master Chris Wayburn to inquire, "Why is Mike O'Hare in the top 10?" Mike "Rugger" O'Hare is a controversial member who should be shot.

We asked students outside the club for their opinion about this prestigious organization. Chris "Moulta-Meal" Moulton responded, "Mr. Mikell sure knows a lot about chess. *You will prosper!*"

For those of you students who find yourself detained in 8th period study hall with an unexplainable urge to play some fine chess, the members of the chess club strongly urge you to consult Mr. Mikell, Trevor Edwards, or Patrick Keeble about entrance into the chess club fraternity.

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group of 15 get themselves on a 3-foot square box and hold the position for 5 seconds? Could an integrated group of 15 be blindfolded, tied up together, and find a grill from memory? Could the man with the video camera shoot some even more boring shots? All of these questions and more were answered before lunchtime.

After lunch, a football game was under way but had to cease for more fun with Executive Adventure. Groups were redivided (to the enjoyment of some) and more trust games were played. The trust fall and the trust walk were two of the activities that closed out the day. Soon, a coed football game was underway with a lot of hard hitting by some of the females. With the ringing

of the dinner bell, many of the males were thankful that the game had come to a close. After dinner, everyone socialized, and some ladies decided to create a few trust games of their own - such as asking for permission to learn how to drive a stick shift with someone else's car. The enthusiasm never waned, even after a long and tiring day.

When a selected group had been chosen to plan the next Outward Bound, they met, played knee football, and found time to do some planning.

Outward Bound just had a trip last weekend to Beersheba for two days. More trips are planned.

From my experience as a guinea pig, I would encourage all to get involved with the next trek. It's a learning experience never to be forgotten.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Meet the Royal Court of China

by Drew Nord

This exiting new band from Nashville has a unique style of sound derived from a potpourri of musical tastes. These different types range from punk to traditional blues and folk. The band's personal manager, Grace Reinhold, said in her statement to me that the members of the band seem to be great friends. There is no one member that dominates, no ego's running wild, and no conflicts of interest. Simply put, just four guys from Tennessee playing solid, original rock-n-roll.

Let's meet the band. On vocals is Joe Blanton. Blanton serves as the writer for much of the dark, moody imagery of the band's tunes. With a repertoire of over 600 original songs, Blanton and the boys have little trouble coming up with new and exciting shows. Joe Blanton began playing guitar at age 17.

As a member of a punk band, he was one of the original artists of Nashville's alternative music scene. Blanton is a self-taught vocalist which proves beneficial in the development of his unique and rough style. Along with Blanton, Robert Logue on bass and Oscar Rice on lead guitar produce the unique sound of the Royal Court of China. Logue and Rice played for several years together in a blues band before joining the RCC. Logue learned to play at age 16 in 1981 by listening to records. Like so many of today's kids, he never took music seriously until he met Rice in high school. Logue also plays mandolin and writes poetry. Rice learned to play guitar by ear at age 16 in 1981 listening to old albums and the radio. The backbone and most talented member of the band, of course, is the drummer. Chris Mehew began playing drums at age 9. He played his first live gig

at age 11 and toured southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois before moving to Nashville when he was 16. He then met Logue and Rice and played in a three-piece garage band for one summer before meeting Blanton. The group soon formed the Royal Court of China.

The band recently received a recording contract from A and M Records following a high energy show seen by a top A and M talent searcher. From this lucky break on, the band has produced one self-titled album and is currently planning tour dates with a few other bands. I believe this band has the stuff to go far if they can keep the ideas that formed the band and not lower themselves to the evil temptations of pop music. By the way, Juniors, this would be a great snag for the prom. Thanks to Wolfe at World Wide Media for his much-appreciated information.



Live Rust

by Willie Johnson

"Hey Hey, My Rock n' Roll will never die," and it won't as long as Neil Young and Crazy Horse keep performing concerts like the one recorded on *Live Rust*, which is the second album made from Young's 1979 tour entitled "Rust Never Sleeps."

Side one of the first album off *Live Rust* is an acoustic set which is headed off by Young's soulful memories of childhood on the songs "Sugar Mountain"

and "I Am A Child." Like most of the songs on side one, these two are chilling melodies and the epitome of the Neil Young sound: crystal-clear guitar player; Young's high, chilling voice; and, of course, his harmonica. The next song, entitled "Comes a Time," displays Young's ability to get his point across with the simplest of lyrics. He sings of the chaos and busy nature of our world: "this old world keep spinnin' round,

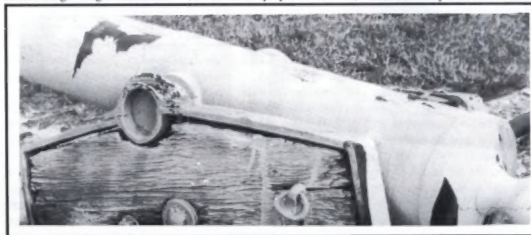
it's a wonder tall trees ain't layin' down, there comes a time." "After the Goldrush," probably one of his most beautiful and important ballads, follows next. In the piano-accompanied song, Young again states so simply a severe problem of our modern, computer-age society: "We got mother nature on the run in the 1970's." Young speaks of a "new home in the sun" and predicts its eventual destruction by the human race in

our own world. Side one ends with Young's powerful, haunting tribute to Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols, "my my, hey hey (out of the blue)."

Side two begins the electric show with the rockers "When You Dance I Can Really Love" and "The Loner." The most powerful song on this side is his masterpiece, "The Needle and the Damage Done," in which Young laments over hard drugs (not all drugs, mind you) and then the often fatal results: "Milk blood to keep from runnin' dry." Young once said about this song, "I'm no preacher, but people get killed from drugs."

The second record of this

two-record set begins with Young's epic songs "Powderfinger" and "Cortez the Killer." These can certainly be labelled as two of his best songs. "Powderfinger" tells a story of suicide, death, and war. This is a driving, powerful song, as well as "Cortez the Killer," in which Young sings about the destruction of the Aztec Indians by the Spaniards and Montezuma. The last songs on the LP are some of his hardest, most driving tunes, including "Cinnamon Girl," "Like a Hurricane," "Hey Hey My My (into the black)," and finally "Tonight's the Night." Most of all, these songs sum up Young's illustrious solo career, and I would encourage anyone to buy *Live Rust*.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Just a Few Albums

by Richie Gann
and Allen Hunt

Any time a compilation of items is taken, of course, certain valid possibilities are omitted or discarded. This list is based purely on opinion and on the general consensus of the MBA student community. The albums mentioned here appear to be the ones most listened to by our student body.

The Alarm: *The Alarm, Strength*
The Allman Brothers Band: *At Fillmore East*
The Beatles: *White Album, 1962-1966, 1967-1970*
Bob Dylan: *Biograph, Blonde on Blonde*
Bob Marley: *Legend*
The BoDeans: *Love and Hope and Sex and Dreams*
City Without a Subway
The Cult: *Electric, Love*
The Cure: *Head on the Door, Standing on a Beach*
The dB's: *Like This*
The Distortion Hawks: *Livestock*
The Doobie Brothers: *The Best of the Doobies*
The Doors: *Greatest Hits*
The Eagles: *Greatest Hits Volume I and II*
Echo and the Bunnymen: *Songs You Know by Heart*
Elvis: [all albums] (for Bob)
English Beat: *What Is Beat*
Fine Young Cannibals: *Fine Young Cannibals*
Fleetwood Mac: *Rumours*
Guadalcanal Diary: *Walking in the Shadow of the Big Man* (for Ben)
Hank Williams, Jr.: *Born to Boogie*
Hoodoo Gurus: *Blow Your Cool, Mars Needs Guitars*
The Housemartins: *London o Hull 4*
Husker Du: *Warehouses: Songs to Learn and Play*
In Pursuit: *When Darness Falls*
InXS: *The Swing, Shaboo-shoobah*
The Jam: *Snap!*
James Taylor: *Greatest Hits*
Jason and the Scorchers: *Lost and Found*
Jimmy Buffet: *Songs You Know by Heart, You Just Had To Be There: Live!*
Led Zeppelin: [all albums] (for Butch and Slim)
Lloyd Cole and the Commotions: *Rattlesnakes*
Lone Justice: *Lone Justice*
New Order: *Low-Life*
The Originals: *Reckoning, Murmur, Chronic Town*
Pink Floyd: *The Wall*
The Police: *Every Breath You Take*
REM: *Reckoning, Murmur, Chronic Town*
The Replacements: *Pleased to Meet Me, Tim, Hootenany*
Rolling Stones: *Hot Rocks*
Royal Court of China: *Royal Court of China*
The Smiths: *The Queen Is Dead*
Soundtracks to *Animal House, Blues Brothers, Something Wild*
Squeeze: *45's, Singles and Under*
Talking Heads: *Speaking in Tongues, Stop Making Sense*
Ten Thousand Maniacs: *In My Tribe*
U2: [all albums]
Van Halen: *Van Halen I*
Violent Femmes: *Violent Femmes*
Walk the West: *Walk the West*
Webb Wilder: *It Came from Nashville*
White Animals: *Ecstasy*



These albums did not make the list

Our Chorus

by Jason Burroughs

Building on last year's resurrection, the M.B.A. Chorus has come back stronger than ever. Of 105 students who auditioned in September, fifty-eight singers were chosen to carry on M.B.A.'s new choral tradition. Led by the world renowned Mike "You-guys-gotta-sound-like-men" Kemp, the chorus prepared to prove that last year's success was but a harbinger for even greater things to come.

The chorus got its first chance to stun an audience during last Tuesday's assembly, singing a five-song medley called "A Touch of Love" and dancing with, as the promotional say, "moves that defy description." Wallace Hall rocked to tunes such as "Da-Do-Ron-Ron," "My Girl," "You've

Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Three Times a Lady," and "Great Balls of Fire."

Mr. Kemp had to prompt the crowd only once to bring forth countless spatters of applause. [Some say the student body was almost as excited as it was when it learned that you cannot catch AIDS from dirty thoughts or kissing, no matter how significant the kiss is.]

The chorus followed up this stellar performance by presenting the medley in an informal concert open to students, parents, friends, girlfriends, boyfriends, teachers, and passers. Once again the singers brought the audience to their knees. Adoring mothers cried and awestruck girls grew faint as Mr. Kemp's wry humor, an exhibition of singing "BUMP-A-

BUMP-A" at various speeds, and a demonstration of wimp to MAN metamorphosis stretched eight minutes of prepared music into a forty minute choral experience.

The performance concluded with Richard Speight's presenting roses on behalf of the chorus to Marion Ross, whose piano solo put Jerry Lee Lewis to shame, and Mr. Kemp's giving roses to his wife, Janice, who was celebrating her birthday.

The chorus is now rehearsing for the Christmas concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Like last year, admission to the concert will be a toy to donate to local charity. Make plans to be there, because the chorus is working hard to make it great!

Church of Webb

by Drew Nord
and Tom Lance

Webb Wilder, "the last of the full grown men," migrated from Austin, Texas, a few years back to Nashville where he now reigns over the local club scene. Webb's rocking, hard-core, upbeat, blues-rock sound is even reaching the far corners of the U.S. Presently, Webb and his band, the Beatnecks, have one LP released entitled *It Came From Nashville*. Among the 12 cuts, 5 songs were recorded live at Exit/In on March 14, 1986. One of the cuts of this LP, "Keep It on Your Mind," was written by Hank Williams, Jr. Steve Earl, Ben Tate's employer, wrote another cut on the album entitled "Devil's Right Hand."

Rounding out the full-body

ied sound of the Beatnecks are Donnie "the twangler" Roberts on guitar and vocals; Denny "Cletus" Blakely on bass and vocals; Jimmy Lester on the drum kit; and the Ionizer playing drums, guitar, and singing backup vocals.

Webb has a cut, "One taste of the Bait," on the WRVU album *City Without a Subway*. This release spurned on a record

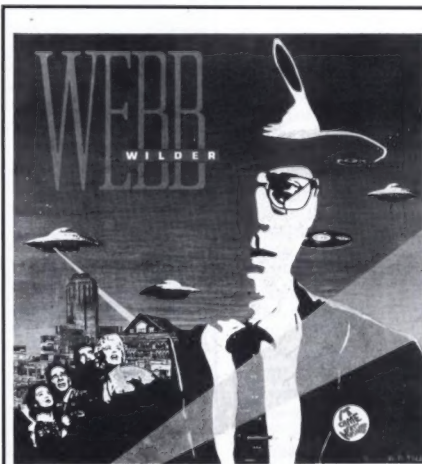
contract with Rocket Records with producer Dan Flyer.

Webb is a multifaceted entertainer sporting, singing, and story-telling in his shows. Webb's positive message to his listeners can be summed up in the following quotation: "I strongly urge all our patrons in the teen and the sub-teen demographics to pursue happiness at every opportunity."



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Homecoming Spoilers

MBA Has A 9-2 Season

by Kurt Gilliland

This year's edition of MBA varsity football can best be described as the "homecoming spoilers." The 9-2 team put a damper on the homecoming festivities of Overton, Brentwood High, Pearl-Cohn, and Hillsboro. In this fabulous season, head coach Tommy Owen attained his 200th victory at MBA.

The Big Red began the second half of the season with an impressive homecoming victory over Hillwood. Quarterback Drew Robison, who completed 12 of 21 passes for 245 yards, directed MBA to come back from a nine-point halftime deficit. Jeff Owen scored first for the Red with an 18-yard touchdown reception, soon followed by a Mike Morrissey score on a 4-yard catch. The fourth quarter featured a 74-yard heave from marksman Robison to wideout Emmett Russell, who strided into the end zone for a score. The 21-9 victory was facilitated by the blocking of the mighty line of Mike Poe, Lindsey Cooper, Mike Seshul, Andrew Bond, and John Smithwick.

The next week found MBA at home against arch-rival Father Ryan. Drew Robison wasted no time in getting the Red on the scoreboard with a 20-yard scamper. Soon after, MBA kicker Jeff Owen nailed a thirty-yarder for three. Robison then put the icing on the cake as he set the cross-hairs on tight end Demetri Patikas and fired an 18-yard bullet for the score. MBA thus put away an important 16-13 district victory while Ryan coach Tommy Bateman queried the correctness of the MBA clock. Bateman claimed that the clock omitted as much as five minutes from the game, but all could see that the only problem was simply a few burned-out bulbs that made the minute's digit look different at certain times. Bateman complained about the clock and the officiating after the game but was the cause of most of the problems himself as he drew a 15-yard misconduct penalty for parading onto the field and throwing his hat down. Coach Owen summed it up well: "I was never confused — the clock worked

the same all four quarters."

The Big Red, having clinched a playoff berth, travelled to Pearl-Cohn the next week and shot down the Firebirds 41-6. As usual, MBA chose the air attack to begin with. Robison hit Patikas from the eight-yard line for the first score and then hit flanker Jeff Owen from the nine-yard line for the second score. Before halftime, junior tailback Chris Hall scampered in from the 4 for a TD. The spectacular conversion featured QB Drew Robison's catching a flea-flicker pass from tailback Patrick Roberts. Also before the intermission, Patikas nabbed himself a 37-yard touchdown reception. The second half found Chris "Sparky" Hall adding another TD run and Robison hitting Morrissey in the end zone with a 26-yard toss. The defense was led by Sheldon Griffin, Trey Everett, and Michael McNally.



Photo by Devraj Basu
Quarterback Drew Robison drops back to throw.

The regular-season finale was an important game in that the team wanted to avenge last year's loss. Patrick Roberts contributed two TD runs, while Jeff Owen added 12 points, in the form of a TD catch, three extra points, and a 28-yard field goal. The defense, which held the Burro's to seven points, was led by linebackers Brooks Smith, Jeremy Russell, and Worcester Bryan. Also playing well were defensive ends Bo Healy and John Smithwick. This game left MBA with a fine 9-1 season and a 5-1 district record.

Thus the next week MBA participated in the first round of the Tennessee AAA state playoffs at Stratford, the champions of District 12-AAA. MBA was simply out-matched by the Stratford Spartans, who sported one of the best running backs in the state, Joe Campbell, who during the game became the Nashville all-time leading career rusher. In the 28-7 loss, MBA's only score came from Drew Robison, who scampered across the goalline from the one-yard line after having commanded an impressive drive up the field in the first quarter.

Many players showed great skill this year but did not necessarily have their names called frequently. Wingback David Spickard was one of MBA's leading receivers with 20 catches for 306 yards during the regular season. Alden Smith showed great promise as a cornerback on defense, while Rabin Nimmo consistently ran well at fullback. Alex Rice, Richard Speight, and David Frederickson were vital in their work on kickoff and punt teams. Wendell Harmer, Bob Napier, and Dan Brooks were frequently seen in the trenches, while on defense Edgar Bueno was a major vertebra.

Unfortunately, out of the 32 AAA teams who begin the quest for the state championship, thirty-one will have to lose along the way. This year's edition of MBA football, however, was filled with nothing but winners who gave MBA one of its best records of the school's history (9-2). There's nothing that can take that away from them.

VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(including only the regular season)

Overall : 9-1

District : 5-1

	MBA	Opponents
Points	231	89
Tot. Off.	2618	2040
Rushing	1332	1456
Passing	1286	584
Avg/carry	4.04	4.03
Passing	90-172	52-116
Int	8	9
Fumbles-lost	18-9	28-14
Punting Avg	37.4	33.4
First Downs	136	19.6
Punt Return Avg	8.3	8.3

RUSHING

Name	Att	Avg	TDs	Yds
Patrick Roberts	121	4.8	5	577

PASSING

Name	Att	Com	TDs	Int	Yds
Drew Robison	145	72	17	6	1182

RECEIVING

Name	Rec	Avg	TDs	Yds
Demetri Patikas	25	15.9	7	398
David Spickard	20	15.3	0	306

PUNTING

Name	No	Yds	Avg
Jeff Owen	28	1046	37.4

KICKING

Name	FG	PAT	Pts
Jeff Owen	5-9	23-24	38

TACKLES

Name	Asst	Solo	Tot
Brooks Smith	73	24	97
Worcester Bryan	22	67	89

INTERCEPTIONS

Name	No
David Spickard	4

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The hectic start of a microbe cross country meet. Matt Zibas (the MBA man to the left of the two FRA "Rebels") grimaces.

Microbe Harriers

by Jay Riven
and Chad Enders

While the MBA community's focus is presently aimed at the success of our football team, golf team, and varsity cross-country team, we find that an important facet of our school is often overlooked: the microbe cross-country team. Several seventh and eighth graders view this sport as a chance for invigorating exercise, while some savor the thrill of competition. Under the leadership of Coach Novak and Coach Christeson, the harriers trained daily with

weekly meets leading up to the climactic event, the HVAC championship cross-country race. They finished a strong third behind Grassland and Ensworth. Outstanding performances came from Justin Crosslin, Hal Pickel, Matt Zibas, Chris Bynum, and David Wyckoff, who finished 3rd, 5th, 13th, 20th, and 22nd, respectively. As Mr. Novak was quick to comment, "Good work! We're proud of you," Mr. Pruitt stood in the background, pondering the possibilities of some excellent new recruits for the varsity.

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talked about what needed to be done and what score needed to be shot. A second-day score of around 300 was the teams goal.

On the second day, the linksters came to the course ready to catch those ahead of them. Aided by a strong front line and mistakes from the opposition, the Big Red jumped into second place, only four shots behind Briarcrest. With the encouragement of coach Caldwell, Mr. Drake, and the varsity golfers who were let out of school to come to the tournament, the Big Red was poised to make its charge. The team ran into misfortune on the back nine, the most demanding nine on the course. The jump from fourth to second showed the never-die spirit that the team had shown in the Region tournament. The team could have folded and accepted defeat, but they did not. On the second day, MBA shot a total of 309, the best of the tournament by 6 shots. This



Photo by Forrest Conner

Brannan Atkinson tees off in the state golf championship at Henry Horton State Park. MBA placed second in the state.

excellent score could not, however, wipe out the thirteen strokes that the team was behind Briarcrest. From the first day, Rhoads Hall and Brannan Atkinson each shot 76's, Michael Shears shot 77, and Jay McKnight shot 80.

This team has played together for two years, and in

those years won two District regular season and tournament titles, two Region titles, and finished third and second in the state tournament in respective years. This team has distinguished itself as one of the most successful in MBA's history despite its not winning a state title.

Freshman Football Frolics Under Freddie Forehand

by Emmett Russell

The 1987 MBA freshman football team rounded out their season with six wins and only one loss. They were led by two veteran coaches, Bill Compton and Dan Herring. They also brought new light to the coaching staff with the addition of Fred Forehand and David Mikell.

Stratford, the first team to suffer under the hand of the Frosh, was defeated by 20 points. The running attack, led by Michael Malone and Robert Echols, complemented the air assault of Tate McDaniel to bring the Spartans to their knees 21-0.

The Frosh later picked on

the Cobras from the Creek by defeating them 19-6. A gallant 60-yard scamper by Alex Wadley for a TD was a highlight of the Frosh's easy win.

Further doom was to await Pearl-Cohn, as the Firebirds were trampled by three rushing TD's from Keith McCarty, Charlie Williams, and Tate McDaniel. Michael Malone added another six points, running an interception back for a touchdown (30-6).

The Toppers from Hillwood, however, snuffed the Big Red in a 20-7 victory to decide the district championship. The Big Red regained their strength once again to prove their might.

Hillsboro, Overton, and Ryan all tasted the wrath of the Frosh by their being defeated by 28 points or more and sent home scoreless.

The Frosh ended with 174 points to their opponents' 32 points. Patrick Harkleroad showed a glimpse of being a future extra-point kicker for the Big Red. He made 18 of 24 extra points and was 50% in the field goal area.

The Frosh continued a winning tradition started by the legendary "Junkyard Dogs" (the present seniors), and the future freshmen have their hands full trying to continue the tradition of freshman football.



Photo by Tom Gutow

Glenn Harris (42) runs the ball for MBA against Brentwood Academy in a microbe football game.

The Little Red

by David Trainer
and Billy Lyell

The microbe football season started well with a victory over Ezell-Harding, led by Glenn Harris with four touchdowns. The team then suffered four straight heart-breaking losses. Against Brentwood Academy and Ensworth, both teams were tied until the fourth quarter. The microbe players were simply out-sized by the Northside giants and out-manned by the BGA army. These losses were not remedied by the numerous injuries to the team. Nonetheless, the team was able to pull off

a strong victory over Page for the season finale.

By the end of the season, the microbes were relying on the passing of Joe Underwood, the receiving of Carter Baker and Jackson Wray, the running of Eric Crawford, and a patched-up defense of courageous youths like Andy Ward, Clay Kinnard, Carter Baker, Eric Crawford, Jackson Wray, Paul Moser, and D. J. Salinas. Since half of the starting team this year consisted of seventh graders, Head Coach Joe Thoni and Coach Gaither look forward to an impressive microbe team next year.

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Steve Zibas, Harriers Finish Best Ever

by Jay Knowles

With a fifth-place finish in the state, the 1987 MBA Cross Country team can without a doubt, be called the best team in MBA's history. Midway through the season, a team that seemed to show promise appeared to be an average MBA cross country team turned into one of the cross country powers in the state.

Starting in the beginning of October, the MBA Harriers began to prosper from all those long, hot practice days of August. The team took first in

several dual meets, although losing in a disappointingly close race against Dickson County on a revised wilderness survival course at Dickson. Things were on a turn for the team, and everyone was inspired by the return of injured Steve Zibas.

When time for the city championship meet came around, the Harriers were more than adequately prepared. Steve Zibas won the race to the surprise of none present. Brent Cummings also had quite a good race, running his best time ever. The team won the race by only 8 points over a powerful Stratford

team.

The next week in the Regional meet, there was never a doubt as to who the dominant team in the region was. Steve Zibas again won the race handily while Keith Ikard, Casey Jones, and Lanson Hyde finished 5th, 6th, and 9th, respectively. The MBA harriers crushed all other opponents with a score nearly 50 points lower than second place Lipscomb.

In the state meet on the following weekend, confidence was high, but there were some doubts. Could the team break

the cross country curse and finish higher than seventh as they had done so many times in the past? The answer would be yes. The team, led by Steve Zibas' fourth-place finish (the best by any runner in MBA history) took fifth-place, only one point behind Baylor and 8 points behind Knox Farragut. Runners and coaches alike were pleased with the outcome.

But how does the team look for next year? The loss of Steve Zibas will definitely not help the team. Even without Steve and the other top-ten seniors (Jay Knowles, Tommy Vandever,

and Chad Enders), there is more than sufficient depth to make next year's team even better than this year's team. Next year's seniors (Lanson Hyde, James Gooch, Jason Burroughs, Jay Binkley, and Thayer Smith) should provide a good foundation for the team. Sophomore Brent Cummings will be back next year as well. And most importantly, this year's #2 and #3 men (freshmen Casey Jones and Keith Ikard) will be the front runners. Looking at next year's team, one can see that there's no doubt that the success of MBA cross country will live on.

The DeBoobs

by Richard Speight
and Michael McNally

Standing 6'9" and weighing 290 lbs., it is no wonder that these boys are the number one and number two college prospects in the nation. I caught up with them in Falls City, Iowa, their home town, at the bowling alley; it was league night.

"I dunno, I guess our uncles are pretty big," responds Wally when asked about his enormous size. Wally, born Wallace Peterson DeBoob, is the top defensive pick and overall number one pick in the nation. He plans to attend Oklahoma in the fall. "Golly, there are lots o' trees there, and the girls are purty," says Wally of his future home.

Terence, his twin brother, is the number one offensive pick and the number two pick overall in the nation. Both boys are linemen. Terence, born Terence Peterson DeBoob, plans to attend Oklahoma as well.

"They gave Wally a nicer car, but that's OK." Both boys

love the game of football. "I love to pull," says Terence with a boyish grin on his face. "I love to play defense," proclaims Wally. "Coach Switzer [head coach at Oklahoma] says I hit as hard as de'T. Spence, but I'm not really sure who he is."

Sons of Clarence and Belma DeBoob, the boys were reared on a family farm. "We're mighty proud of them boys. They even bought me my own set of matchin' western threads to wear to the Friday night socials and square dances," brags Belma, their 6'4" 330-pound mother.

Their football careers began at Falls City High School. There, they have led the Possessed Plowmen to six undefeated seasons and six state championships. Ever since the boys were in seventh grade, they have started on the varsity team and helped maintain their teams number one ranking in the nation each year.

We talked to Mr. Horace

Calhoun, the head coach of the Possessed Plowmen. When asked why the boys didn't play both ways, the coach responded, "Gee, I never thought of that!" We asked the coach what the most exciting moment has been for him in watching the DeBoob brothers: "I guess I'd have to say that I love watching them play each other in practice. It's a real thrill watching them go head-to-head from opposite sides of the ball. Now that's some football!"

During the entire interview, I couldn't help but notice that there was an enormous but young-looking boy following the DeBoobs. I had to inquire,

"Aw, that's just our pesky neighbor Pat. He just hangs around a lot. I don't know why," responded Terence.

Well, Pat could turn out to be another DeBoob, standing 6'10" and weighing a hefty 305 pounds at the age of 15. There is no denying that the DeBoob's are the players to watch this season. It will be exciting to see what the season brings.



Photo by David Frederickson

The DeBoobs: Wally (75, Richard Speight), Pat (Patrick Roberts), and Terence (70, Michael McNally).

J.V. Football

by Kirk Kaludis

The Big Red JV football team recently completed its season, compiling a 2-3 record under the leadership of Floyd Elliott, "screamin' delta Damon" Regen, and Ken Downey. The team opened its season with a 14-8 loss to district powerhouse Whites Creek. This game was filled with many injuries and poor play by both teams.

The Big Red then met the Overton Bobcats in a 9-6 loss in which MBA outplayed the Cats but lost the game with an Overton field goal in the closing minutes of the game.

On September 28, the JV team blasted rival Hillsboro 47-0 and ended its two-game losing streak. Scoring by the Big Red included Brad Bishop, Billy Crawford, and Chris Hall. Dan Brooks and Scott Burrow led the defensive surge with fierce play

and numerous tackles. After this crushing victory, the Big Red (with its confidence restored) romped Brentwood High 42-0 and improved its record to 2-2. This win was marked with explosive offensive play and unorganized football in general.

On October 5, the JV football team ended its season with a 7-0 loss to Hillwood. The Big Red could not find a way to score. Many able receivers like Richard Arendale, Billy Lyell, and Allan Hunt were ready to catch passes, but those passes never came.

Junior varsity teams exist in order to give young varsity players a chance to play and gain experience. The games are supposed to be fun but should provide an opportunity for a player to learn and to practice the fundamentals of football.



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Freshman football coach Fred Forehand gives a pep talk as Matt Poe (standing in background) looks on. Story page 7.

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